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CINCPAC MAKES BRIEF STOP ON PALMYRA

The big plane of Admiral Ramsey, carrying the four white stars on a blue field, settled down on Palmyra Airport, Wednesday afternoon to refuel.

Admiral Ramsey and his staff were returning from an inspection trip. Capt. Hale and Capt. Greaves, along with a number of other unidentified officers came down the little ladder. There was also a very familiar looking man in civillian clothes and it turned out to be our old friend Riley H. Allen, Editor of the Honolulu Star Bulletin.

While the plane was being refueled, the passengers were given a quick look at some of the points of interest. Those of us who had a chance to meet Admiral Ramsey, appreciate that his plane made the stop here.

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Thursday afternoon the Navy survey plane came in ahead of schedual and called for a simulated emergency landing. This is the first that we have had since C.A.A. took over the the field. A number of lessons were learned which will aid in giving better fire protection to planes landing here in emergencies.

Mr. John Ireton and Mr. David Lyman arrived for a quick check on the construction progress E.E.Fowler, who had ben receiving medical treatment in Honolulu and also putting on a lot of weight. Doc. Shields, loaded down with supplies and special purchases, returned and reports that Mc Ewen was operated on just in time and is doing fine. There were two new men for Alec Yuen's crew. Their names will be given later. With the Navy carrying passengers instead of the Army, there AIN'T NO MORE little ladder for the come down or climb when they leave.

Our ALOHA to Mr. Brunner and Mr. Rightmeyer, who departed on the survey palne when it left Thursday evening. Edmondson was also an outgoing passenger along with Mr. Ireton and Lyman.

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Some one slipped up on our mail again this week and there was NO MAIL at the MATS terminal up to the time of departure.

There were a lot of dissapointed people on Palmyra when they found out that there was NO Mail. NUFF SAID, we hope.

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The British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines plane, Discovery, arrived with the new motor for its sister ship the Adventure. The crew of the Discovery were, N.G.Hensworth, Capt., H.Deilmann, C.P., N.Twyford, F.O., G.Pointon, N., E.Eggin, R.O., A.T.Luxford, F.E., J.S.Wilkinson P., E.M.Weedon and A.Kitching, Hostesses. Passengers, Sidney to San Francisco. H.S.Hawthorn, E.S.Cox, C.H.Kendall, L.J.Steynes, Dr. A.V.Durgh, Mr. and Mrs. Page, Miss. Morgan, Mr. Morrow, Mr. M.H.Manning for Vancouver, B.C.

The B.C.P.A. Royal Mail Airliners are named the "Endeavour", "Adventure", "Discovery", and "Resolution", to commanorate the ships commanded by Capt. James Cook, during his voyages of discovery in the Pacific.

Planes leave Sydney and Vancouver, twice each week, North and South bound. On alternate weeks the mid-week plane takes care of the New Zealand passengers. Stops are made at Fiji, Canton Island, Honolulu and San Francisco.

The officers of the Royal Mail Airliner Adventure were, J.Kessey, Capt., N.Guthrie, C.P. A.Raymont, F.O., T.Hicks, N., R.Soars, R.O., P. Sykes, F.E., K.Littlejohn, P., M.Jones and N. Mc Keller, Hostesses.

Miss. Mc Keller departed for Honolulu with the following passengers from down under, on the Army plane that stopped for the emergency medical case. R.Rae, W.M.Morrits, Mr. and Mrs. S.C.Mc Culloch and M.Cooper.

The Discovery departed Monday afternoon and the Adventure after a test flight Monday evening, took off Tuesday afternoon on the return trip to Australia.

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The Army F.S. boat arrived Saturday with a full cargo for Palmyra. No time was wasted in getting her unladed and by 5 P.M. Sunday all cargo had been unloaded and the out-going cargo was in the holds and the crew were lowering the booms and getting ready to batt n down the hatches. Our MAHALO NUI to the Captain and his First Mate for their wonderful co-operation in the unloading.

It is no wonder that the little Minor Bird could not tell me ow much mail the F.S. boat had, there was no . It did tell me how nice the new furniture looks and about the new radio equipment for the constrol station and the canned poi in the dry stores.

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FLORA OF PALMYRA

During the war both the Army and Navy brought in various plants and trees to serve as camouflage of the fortifications. There were a few flowers and ornamental plants brought in at the same time. Due to the war and the urgency of speed in getting the plants here and being sure that they would grow as as fast as possible. The soil in which they were growing was not always cleared of weeds before being shipped. This accounts for part of the large number of common weeds found here now. Few of the ornamental plants have survived. a plumeria tree by the skippers quarters on Menge Island, was cut down by a resident, who probably thought that the tree was dead because the leaves were falling. Mrs. Knight recovered one of the branches and it is now growing at the Mathews place. Other branches had been obtained previously and planted in front of the hotel. Some were started in cans and distributed to a number of families for transplanting.

Two other plumeria trees were brought down from Honolulu last year. The red plumeria was in bloom for about three months last year. The yellow tree has started to bloom for the second time this year. The seed-pod, on this tree, which has been described in previous issues, is still on the tree.

The Cigar or Turks Cap hibiscus was the only hibiscus on the island when the C.A.A. took over from the Navy. The plants brought in last year by the editor have not been doing too good, due to the lack of nitrogen in the soil.

There is a specie of Ti leaf growing in the court, on the sea side of the hotel, also a Yellow Oleander , Be Still tree. There is a tree with similar foliage on Menge Island with flowers that are pink.

Poinsettia Cyathophora, the wild poinsettia are found on most of the islands. With luck there will be enough of the single red Poinsettia Pucherrima, which was brought in last year for each family to have at least one spray for Christmas.

Flora of Palmyra will be continued sometime in the future after we have had more time for research and checking on the other islands for plants not reported before.

Next week, A Trip To Palmyra.

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Palmyra P.(T) A. News.

Station Manager, Bob Hall has received a a reply from the Regional Office on the request for a school teacher and the letter is filed on the bulletin board in the hotel.

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Where can the editor get a PHONIC (?) dictionary? Then it wont be necessary to wake some one up in the middle of the night to spell, appendicitis.

Airport News

The airport has had a lot of activity the past week with, two B.C.P.A. planes and two Navy planes. The maintainance crew removing weeds, Paul and Jerry, putting in a new line to the lights on the Menge Island end of the field, which makes them considerably brighter.

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Fishing Notes.

Last Sunday Morning, Andy and Harry, returned from a night of fishing on Sand Island. They had three big ulua, one of which is reported to be larger than the one caught by Neal several months ago.

The new fishing contest mentioned last week is being held up for clarification of the rules.

Neal has not been fishing much lately as he has been acting as bartender for the Bachelors Club. Francis has been laid up with a badly sprained ankle. With all the extra weight, Fowler put on while he was in Honolulu we are looking for him to bring in some big ones in the near future.

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Cooper Island News.

Quite a number of parties were held for the crews of the B.C.P.A. planes while they were here. The shipment of canaries, brought back memories to many hotel residents, with their singing.

From all of the nice things said about Miss. Jones, even by the women, and from the few times we spoke to her. She would have made a nice addition to the community and it is too bad that she had to leave. Our ALOHA goes to the crews of the Adventure and the Discovery.

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Hangerville Notes.

Bob Steed Jr. has his new shoes and it wont be long before he is running all over the place. He can sure get around for a little fellow who has not had his first birthday.

Nature boy, David Kimberling, likes to climb and was seen crawling up the stairs of the plane ramp, to the first landing, then stand up and take hold of the railing and walk down the steps. He kept doing for sometime. He is learning fast.

The Hangerville Nursery and Orchid Shopeee is expecting a small shipment of special fertiliser in on the next plane. IF they bring the mail and parcels post. Free, five pound samples will be available to the families who have started gardens.

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Menge Island Notes.

The little minor bird tells me that Dusty Haller is planning to go up the the Big City on the N.C.65 to have a talk with a doctor.

Mrs. Mathews has taken up the art of pedal pusshing. Dottie Smith is going to have to watch out for her speed record.

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